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PROPOSAL RE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

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1. CHARGE CALLED ON EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR (EL-SHAFEI)
THIS EVENING TO DISCUSS ISRAELI COMPROMISE PROPOSAL
PER REFTEL. EL-SHAFEI APPRECIATED OUR EFFORTS; HE WILL
CABLE CAIRO FOR INSTRUCTIONS. BASICALLY, AMBASSADOR
FOUND ISRAELI PROPOSAL TOO LATE AND TOO LIMITED IN
ITS ACCEPTANCE OF WHA RESOLUTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
PASSED SINCE 1974. HE NOTED A LACK OF SINCERITY IN
ISRAELI POSITION. HE SUGGESTED AN ARAB-ISARELI
COMPROMISE MIGHT BETTER BE PLANNED FOR ILO CONFERENCE
IN JUNE AND WORK ON SUCH A COMPROMISE COULD BEGIN
IMMEDIATELY.

2. EL-SHAFEI SAID THAT HAVING SECURED G-77
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SUPPORT AND MAYBE CO-SPONSORSHIP TOMORROW A.M. OF
THE ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTION AT WHA (INCIDENTALLY,
NOW WITHOUT A DIRECT REFERENCE TO ARTICLE VII TO
APPEASE SOME SUPPORTERS) IT WOULD NOW BE IMPOSSIBLE
FOR REASONS OF LIMITED TIME IF NOTHING ELSE FOR
ALL CO-SPONSORS TO OBTAIN NEW INSTRUCTIONS FROM
CAPITALS.

3. THE ARGUMENT WE MADE WAS THAT HAVING ALREADY WATERED DOWN THEIR RESOLUTION BY DROPPING SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ARTICLE VII IN ORDER TO GET G-77 SUPPORT, THE ARABS HAVE EVERYTHING TO GAIN AND LITTLE TO LOSE BY PLAYING OUT THE ISRAELI SCENARIO OUTLINED REFTEL. SPECIFICALLY, THIS WAS FOR THE ISRAELIS TO MAKE THEIR STATEMENT AFTER THE ARABS HAD CIRCULATED THEIR RESOLUTION, IN EXCHANGE FOR WHICH THE ARABS WOULD NOT PRESS THEIR PRESENT RESOLUTION TO A VOTE BUT WOULD INSTEAD SUBSTITUTE A NEW SHORTER AND LESS TENDENTIOUS RESOLUTION. THIS SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION WOULD BE PERHAPS TWO PARAGRAPHS IN LENGTH. IT WOULD REFER TO LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION PROVIDING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE VISIT OF A COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS, NOTE THAT THE ISRAELI STATEMENT IN EFFECT AFREED TO SUCH A VISIT AND CONCLUDE THAT ON THIS BASIS IT WAS THE EXPECTATION OF THE WHA THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD NOW TAKE PLACE EARLY ON.

THE END RESULTS, WE ARGUED, WOULD BE THAT THE ARABS WOULD NOT ONLY HAVE MAINTAINED THEIR POSITION, BUT WOULD HAVE ACHIEVED A PRECEDENTIAL COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE ISRAELIS. NOTWITHSTANDING THESE ARGUMENTS, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT IN AMBASSADOR EL-SHAFEI'S VIEW, HIS PERCEPTION OF ISRAELI TEXT AND HIS CONCERN WITH MAINTAINING MOMENTUM OF G-77 SUPPORT, OUTWEIGHED ANY INTEREST IN SERIOUSLY PURSUING THE ISRAELI PROPOSAL.SORENSEN

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